



RIO Future Focus

Rebuild Iowa Coordinating Council

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Initial Recovery Focus 2008-2009

- Establish the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC), and create Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) to provide staffing support
- Gather information from RIAC and Task Force meetings
- Host Speak Up Iowa sessions for initial public input
- Establish short-term recovery objectives and recommendations
- Obtain recovery funding and report recovery progress daily
- Assess damage of critical infrastructure, homes, businesses, records, historical sites, etc.
- Implement statewide case management system



Initial Recovery Focus 2008-2009

- Provide assistance for housing repair and replacement homes
- Provide business assistance
- Begin funding infrastructure repairs
- Provide information to individuals, families and communities
- Hold recovery conferences, workshops, forums and seminars
- Provide community liaisons and local recovery planning assistance
- Host Inter-Agency Coordination Team (IACT) and Point of Contact meetings
- Develop and implement state legislative strategy based on RIAC recommendations



Interim Recovery Focus 2009-2010

- Formally establish Rebuild Iowa Office and Coordinating Council
- Develop a long-term statewide recovery strategy
- Assist impacted communities with commemoration events
- Develop policy on statewide Smart Planning including focus on comprehensive regional planning
- Provide recommendations for creating a statewide planning structure
- Develop flood plain management policy and funding recommendations
- Hold Flood Forums and Coordinating Council meetings and workshops
- Begin housing production and buy-out programs
- Evaluate and improve assistance programs
- Continue communication strategy for outreach



Interim Recovery Focus 2009-2010

- Recommend changes to federal disaster recovery process
- Further quantify recovery needs and progress and report regularly
- Maintain and coordinate Case Management system
- Complete data collection for updated flood plain mapping
- Increase National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) awareness
- Continue to seek survey input and evaluate feedback
- Develop 2010/11 state and federal legislative strategy based on RIAC recommendations



Future Recovery Focus 2010 and Beyond

GOALS:

- Complete long-term recovery strategy and transition action plans
- Continue to address Smart Planning goals
- Implement flood plain management recommendations
- Complete updated flood plain mapping
- Restore lost housing stock through housing programs, return impacted lowans to permanent housing
- Demonstrate the State's recovery and stability
- Ensure stability of impacted businesses
- Increase participation in National Flood Insurance Program and purchase of flood insurance
- Better prepare for future disasters



Future Recovery Focus 2010 and Beyond

GOALS (continued):

- Focus all efforts on multi-jurisdictional and regional solutions
- Provide training and education for officials and citizens in recovery and mitigation including flood maps, insurance, programs, sustainability
- Increase focus on rebuilding with “green” principles, energy efficiency, sustainability
- Leave behind a blueprint for future disasters with clear roles and responsibilities and that is properly archived and includes case studies and personal narratives
- Create a state strategy for future disaster housing and ensure that special needs populations are accounted for (including assisted living)
- Strengthen emergency management
- Increase school preparedness with training and mitigation



Future Recovery Focus 2010 and Beyond

GOALS (continued):

- Improve local communities use and enforcement of building codes
- Exercise recovery (not just response)
- Improve records retention and the preparedness of cultural institutions
- Use the census to get information out

